

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) A medium according to claim 21, in which the porous foamed hydrophilic polymer includes at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol, polyethylene oxide, polyvinyl pyrrolidone and gelatin.

6. (previously presented) A medium according to claim 21, in which the support is made of a material selected from the group consisting of resin-coated paper, PET, acetate and printing plate.

7. (currently amended) A medium according to claim [4] 21, ~~in~~ which ~~the includes~~ surfactant is a fluorosurfactant.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A medium according to claim [4] 21, in which the proportion by weight of a surfactant to coating solution used in the preparation of the medium is in an amount from about 0.01% to about 2.0%.

10. (previously presented) A medium according to claim 21, the porous foamed hydrophilic polymer being formed by the decomposition of a blowing agent in a solution of said swellable hydrophilic polymer.

11. (original) A medium according to claim 10, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent used in the preparation of said medium to hydrophilic polymer is up to about 200%.

12. (previously presented) A medium according to claim 11, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent used in the preparation of said medium to hydrophilic polymer is in an amount from about 10% to about 60%.

13-15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A porous inkjet recording medium consisting essentially of:

a support; and

one or more porous ink receiving layers, supported on said support, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a porous foamed hydrophilic polymer which hydrophilic polymer is swellable, and optionally a surfactant,

wherein the one or more porous ink receiving layer(s) are capable of absorbing dye from an applied ink within the polymer, differing from other porous inkjet recording media in which dye is held in pores located between particles.

17. (previously presented) A medium according to claim 21, which comprises a plurality of said porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layers.

18. (previously presented) A medium according to claim 16, which comprises a plurality of said porous ink receiving layers.

19. (previously presented) An inkjet recording medium according to claim 21, wherein the ink receiving layers of said inkjet recording medium consist of said one or more porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layers.

20. (previously presented) An inkjet recording medium according to claim 16, wherein the ink receiving layers of said inkjet recording medium consist of said one or more porous ink receiving layers.

21. (currently amended) An inkjet recording medium consisting essentially of:

~~a support; and~~ a support; and

one or more porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layer(s) supported on said support, said one or more porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layer(s) ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a porous foamed hydrophilic polymer in which the hydrophilic polymer is swellable and, optionally, a surfactant,

wherein the one or more porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layer(s) are capable of absorbing dye from an applied ink within the polymer.

22. (new) An inkjet recording medium consisting essentially of:
a support; and

one or more porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layer(s) supported on said support, said one or more porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layer(s) consisting essentially of a porous foamed hydrophilic polymer in which the hydrophilic polymer is swellable and, optionally, either a crosslinker or a crosslinker and a surfactant,

wherein the one or more porous hydrophilic polymer ink receiving layer(s) are capable of absorbing dye from an applied ink within the polymer.